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DAILY NEWS & ANALYSIS

Justice Department Creates Cyber Unit to Provide Legal Guidance on Electronic Surveillance



Just days after the FBI aerted US businesses to be on the lookout for malicious malware like the kind that took down the internal network of Sony Pictures, the Department of Justice (DOJ) announced plans to create a... »



Al Shabaab Targets UN In Somalia Following Deadly Attacks In Kenya



The Al Qaeda Somalia-based affiliate Al Shabaab -- which has attracted radicalized Somalis from the US and Western Europe to join its jihad -- launched a terrorist attack in Mogadishu on December 3 that damaged a convoy of... »

INDUSTRY NEWS

Browser Vulnerabilities Biggest Endpoint Challenge Heading into 2015

The number and severity of cyberattacks increased at rapid clip in 2014 and will continue to challenge IT decision makers heading into the new year as they navigate the everevolving threat landscape of information security. A... »



TODAY'S HEADLINES

Profiling Still Allowed at Airports, Along Border Despite New Policy

As the Obama administration prepares to announce new curbs on racial profiling by federal law enforcement, government officials said Friday that many officers and agents at the Department of Homeland Security will still be ... »

DHS Chief Says Boston at Risk to Lone Wolf Attacks

Boston is one many major cities at heightened risk of a lone wolf terrorist attack, Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson said while visiting the city Friday. Read complete report here. »

UK Panel Oks Surveillance Practices

A British tribunal ruled Friday that intelligence gathering practices used by the national electronic eavesdropping agency GCHQ do not constitute a privacy violation. Read complete report here. »

Ebola 'Czar' Urges Congress to Authorize Emergency Funding

The Ebola outbreak can only be successfully contained if the US takes the lead and provides funding to fight the deadly virus at home and in West Africa, the man tapped to coordinate the federal government's response to the ... »



NEWS SHORTS

DHS's FOIA Backlog Unacceptable, House HS Committee Chair McCaul Says

A new 46-page Government Accountability Office (GAO) audit report on the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) processing of Freedom of Info rmation Act (FOIA)



requests found DHS has an outstanding number of backlogged FOIA... »



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With all the news coverage on the resignation of Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel, and the situation in Ferguson, Missouri, missing was the reporting of Iran nuclear talks being extended another seven months. For the past... »



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Digital Alert Systems and Hardata Partner to Reduce Cost and Complexity of EAS Compliance

Digital Alert Systems announced a technology partnership with workflow solutions developer Hardata that enables direct Emergency Alert System (EAS) playout over multiple channels. By integrating the Digital Alert Systems DASDEC... »

Big Lake Police Select iCrimeFighter Mobile Solution for Evidence Gathering and Management

When Joel Scharf took over as Chief of Police of the Big Lake (Minn.) Police Department, which protects the 11,000 population city between Minneapolis and St. Cloud, he wanted to provide his twelve officers with a way for them to... »

Pivot3 Appoints Cyrus Innovations as APAC Surveillance Distributor

Pivot3, Inc., a supplier of hyper-converged infrastructure, has added Cyrus Innovations as an authorized distributor for the Asia Pacific region. The partnership further extends Pivot3's reach in this dynamic region and the... »



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DHS Is Assessing Fusion Center Capabilities and Results, but Needs to More Accurately Account for Federal Funding Provided to Centers

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House Passes Homeland, Nuclear Security, Critical Infrastructure Protection Bills



The House Monday overwhelmingly passed legislation that would strengthen the Department of Homeland Security ���s (DHS) Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, secure critical infrastructure against the threat of electromagnetic pulses... »

POLITICS AND OPINIONS

Hell On the Border Will Continue, and Probably Get Worse

Barack Obama put the cat among the pigeons Thursday night, but he may be surprised by how big that cat could get, and with it a big cat's appetite for more than pigeons. Read complete commentary here. »



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